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AFTER CONSIDERING MATTER FURTHER, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT
RATIONALE PAPER GIVEN FONMIN AGUSTSSON FEW MONTHS AGO
SAYS ABOUT ALL WE CAN THINK OF ON SUBJECT OF IMPORTANCE
TO ICELAND OF IDF. POINTS MADE THERE SHOULD SUPPLEMENT
NATO STUDY ADEQUATELY, AND WE PLAN ON MAKING THEM TO
GIZURARSON AS APPROPRIATE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT NEITHER
NATO STUDY NOR RATIONALE PAPER ADDRESSES ICELANDIC DESIRE
HAVE US QUANTIFY IN PERCENTAGE TERMS DEGREE BY WHICH
THEIR SECURITY WOULD BE DIMINISHED WITH VARYING DEGREES

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IDF REDUCTION, BUT AS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO THEM BY

AMBASSADOR IRVING AND OTHERS, THIS SORT OF PERCENTAGE-
SETTING IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE DO IN ANY MEANINGFUL WAY.
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